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**Rural Development**

**Natural Resources  
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United States Department of Agriculture

# Earth Day 2004

## Success Story

April 2004

Louisiana



60 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Earth Team volunteers planted woody species and grasses on Holly Beach in support of a USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Plant Materials Program conservation effort. "The woody vegetation will provide shelter and food for neotropical migrant birds during both spring and fall migrations," said Donald W. Gohmert, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service State Conservationist. "The grasses will help establish and stop erosion of sand dunes on Holly Beach."

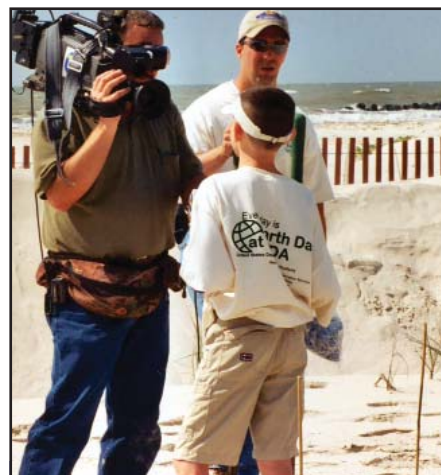
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## USDA Celebrates Earth Day in a Big Way at Holly Beach

**Over \$20 Million in Funding Announced, Earth Team Volunteers Fight Coastal Erosion, Community Volunteers Clean Up Beach**

HOLLY BEACH, LA, April 22, 2004 - People from communities all over Louisiana gathered on Holly Beach in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on April 22 to celebrate Earth Day. During the day's events, Earth Team volunteers participated in conservation plantings, community volunteers cleaned up Holly Beach, and U.S. Department of Agriculture officials announced over \$20 million in funding for nine water and waste projects in Louisiana.



**Earth Day at Holly Beach was hosted by USDA Rural Development, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Farm Service Agency, and the Cameron Parish Police Jury.**



"USDA Rural Development recognizes Earth Day by awarding funding for rural water and waste community infrastructure projects," said Michael B. Taylor, State Director for USDA Rural Development in Louisiana. "This year, USDA Rural Development is funding nine Earth Day projects in Louisiana."



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### 9 Communities Receive **USDA Rural Development** Earth Day Funding for Critical Water and Waste Projects

**Town of Woodworth**  
\$1,549,000 Loan  
\$668,000 Grant

**Parish of West Baton Rouge**  
\$765,000 Loan  
\$385,000 Grant

**City of Tallulah**  
\$3,160,000 Loan  
\$2,454,000 Grant

**City of St. Gabriel**  
\$444,000 Loan  
\$331,000 Grant

**Town of Oberlin**  
\$280,000 Loan  
\$726,700 Grant

**Greater Ward One  
Waterworks District  
Lincoln Parish**  
\$1,102,000 Loan

**East Feliciana Rural Water  
System, Inc.**  
\$2,000,000 Loan

**Cameron Parish Sewer  
District No. 10**  
\$2,218,000 Loan  
\$1,683,000 Grant

**Ajax-Beulah Water  
System, Inc.**  
\$750,000 Loan  
\$2,000,000 Grant



**Over \$20 million presented  
to 9 communities**

